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# H. R. 3261

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FEDERAL POWER ACT AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 216 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.  
5 824p) is amended by is amended by adding the following  
6 at the end of subsection (c):

1 “Before issuing a permit or other authorization for any  
2 action that may affect land use in any locality, the Com-  
3 mission shall hold a public hearing in that locality if a  
4 hearing is requested by 5 or more individuals or an organi-  
5 zation representing 30 or more individuals. In the case  
6 of a facility that affects multiple areas, the hearing shall  
7 be held in a statistical metropolitan area at a location rea-  
8 sonably central to the affected areas. The Commission  
9 shall hold such a hearing whenever a request for reconsid-  
10 eration is granted if the Commission did not hold a hear-  
11 ing prior to issuing the permit or authorization con-  
12 cerned.”.

13 **SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT.**

14 Section 7(e) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.  
15 717f(e)) is amended by adding the following at the end  
16 thereof:

17 “Before issuing a permit or other authorization for any  
18 action that may affect land use in any locality, the Com-  
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20 hearing is requested by 5 or more individuals or an organi-  
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